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The Advertiser will be glad to  
receive the local news of all the  
communities in the county. Cor-  
respondents are requested to  
sign their name to the contri-  
butions. Letters should not be  
mailed later than Monday morn-  
ing.

Plague take that ground hog.

They certainly do have some  
"Times" at Belton. Shoo!

And again with this State House in-  
vestigation the old question bobs up  
"Who hit Billy Patterson?"

Peach trees and candidates bloom  
just about the same time. The buds  
are beginning to swell already.

The weather has been pretty cold,  
but a few other little affairs are get-  
ting rather warm down in Columbia.

Fifteen new subscribers in one day  
is not a bad record at all. The Ad-  
vertiser's mailing list steadily grows  
longer and longer.

Our farmers should hark to what  
"Observer" says in this issue. He  
lives in the country and knows what  
he is talking about.

This has been a glorious year for  
weather prophets. The long distance  
guessers have been on the job alright,  
alright. Three snows predicted and  
three snows fell.

Well, the legislature has decided to  
allow the state's prisoners to contin-  
ue to work under unhealthy condi-  
tions at the hosiery mill for another  
year. The vote was closer than we  
really expected.

Who could be more fortunate than  
we, who have the charming school  
teachers all over the county collect-  
ing subscriptions in order to afford  
their schools with the luxuries of a  
few choice books. With the teachers  
for us, who can be against us?

The Newberry Observer asks "Who  
will Jacks township support for pres-  
ident?" Jacks won't have much say  
in, deciding on who she is going  
to vote for. She is going to vote for  
the Democratic party nominee, re-  
gardless. She is "stanch" for democ-  
racy. Now, when it comes to the of-  
fice of sheriff, or clerk of court, or  
auditor or some of those kind of places,  
she cuts quite a "figger" at the  
show down. A little thing like a pre-  
sidential election is a soft snap for  
Jacks, but when it comes to a county  
campaign, look-out!

It seems to us that the real issues  
in the State House architect probe  
are being lost sight of in the endeavor  
to entangle Gov. Blease in it. It  
would appear to us to be the proper  
thing to discover what was really done  
and then later to find out who did  
it. Following the blind leadership of  
those who many believe were respon-  
sible for the election of Gov. Blease  
in the last campaign, the investigat-  
ing committee is traveling a little too  
fast. They have got the cart before  
the horse. If Gov. Blease was "in"  
on this deal, it can be brought out af-  
ter the material facts have been gath-  
ered.

The patrons of the opera house  
would appreciate any action that the  
police department might take toward  
stopping promiscuous noises in the  
gallery and elsewhere when plays are  
being given. To have a loud hee-haw  
and crackling of peanut hulls just  
at critical moments, is very annoying  
to many who go to the theatre. If  
the management of the opera house,  
which the city owns, hopes to be able  
to hold his lease profitably, some pro-  
tection should be provided for those  
who desire to go there for an even-  
ing's enjoyment. Hardly a play pass-  
es but that many very annoying noise-  
s and disturbances take place.

## THAT CAT AND RAT RANCH.

Replying to "Sal and Me for Busi-  
ness", in regard to that cat and rat

ranch proposition which was fully  
exploited in the last issue of The Ad-  
vertiser, the communication being  
found in another column of this pa-  
per, we wish to state to our corre-  
spondents that this business is fos-  
tered by The Greenville News. While  
we modestly admit that we saw a  
golden opportunity in the proposition  
from the very first, still we must give  
proper credit where it is due. The  
Greenville News was the first to see  
the vast profits in a business of this  
kind and so gave it publicity for the  
benefit of its readers, so we give them  
full credit for the discovery. So if  
"Sal and Me" desire to subscribe to  
the stock in this great banana, they  
can send the first installments to  
Mr. Geo. Brunson, Greenville News,  
Greenville, S. C.

## STATE PRESS COMMENT.

While we subscribed to the expense  
fund necessary to carry out the Rock  
Hill plan to reduce cotton acreage we  
do not believe it will be very effective  
unless the renters are required to re-  
duce their acreage in cotton. There  
are a number of big land owners in  
Abbeville that raise practically no  
cotton who can very easily agree to  
reduce but if the agreement does not  
cover their renters it will amount to  
nothing. The only practical plan to  
reduce cotton acreage is for all of the  
land owners to rent as Mr. W. A. Ste-  
venson has, that is, take a certain  
part of the rent in corn, peas, wheat  
and oats. These have a market value  
at all times. If there is no demand  
for them in Abbeville there can al-  
ways be found markets elsewhere and  
if the Produce Exchange is establish-  
ed there, will be no trouble to sell  
such products any time. The Rock  
Hill Plan is for each individual farmer  
to sign an agreement to reduce his  
acreage in cotton a certain per cent.  
We know of a certain man in Abbe-  
ville, for instance, who owns two or  
three thousand acres of land, and who  
will probably cultivate 200 of it him-  
self. He will agree to reduce his  
acreage in cotton, but will he require  
his renters who will work the balance  
of his land to reduce their acreage?  
If not his signing the pledge will not  
amount to much. Let all the land own-  
ers adopt Mr. Stevenson's plan. That  
will be the surest way to reduce the  
acreage in cotton.—Abbeville Medium.

In spite of the fact that the cotton  
crop of 1911-12 is the largest on record  
—estimated by the government at  
over 14,800,000 running bales of 500  
pounds each—the price has steadily  
advanced during the past two weeks,  
and, although determined efforts have  
been made by the "bear" element in  
the future market to depress them,  
prices have gone but little below the  
nine-cent level during the entire mar-  
keting season. Not only has the crop  
been a record-breaking one in num-  
ber of bales, but the actual weights,  
according to official figures, are al-  
most three pounds above those of last  
year, being 519.64-100 for the present  
season, against 518.84-100 last year.

That the price of cotton has held  
up so well under such pressure is a  
remarkable one, when one recalls  
the fluctuations of the market during  
the first "big crop year" of 1904-05,  
when the crop was over two million  
bales under the one of the present  
season. When the official estimate  
of the government was issued on De-  
cember 4, 1904, placing the amount  
of cotton grown at about 13,000,000  
bales, the market immediately broke  
almost a cent a pound, and the bot-  
tom was not reached until prices had  
gone below six cents.

There has been a large increase in  
spinnings during the present  
year, exports alone exceeding those of  
last year by more than 1,400,000  
bales, but the strength of the market  
cannot be attributed to the increase  
in consumption alone. A big factor,  
and one that has been overlooked by  
a great many, has been the farmers'  
organizations that have come into ex-  
istence since 1904. A determination  
to hold cotton for a fair price, and a  
gradual movement toward a more  
systematic marketing of the crop has  
undoubtedly had its effect.

In view of the wild scramble to sell  
cotton at any figure obtainable in  
1904 when such a thing as an or-  
ganization of farmers had been little  
more than considered, it is difficult to  
imagine what would have occurred  
during the past winter with such an  
unprecedented yield had the farmers  
not made a determined stand for a  
just price for their cotton.

The period for planting the coming  
crop will soon be at hand and it is  
up to every farmer to not only sub-  
scribe to the plan originated by Mr.  
Anderson, of Rock Hill, for reduction  
of acreage, but to live up to the  
agreement to the letter. The farmer  
will not have to wait for years to see  
the benefits that will accrue from the  
adoption of this plan, but the effects  
will be apparent within a year.—Spartan-  
burg Herald.

Germany has the fastest battle  
cruiser afloat, the Moltke, which on

her speed trials made 29.5 knots per  
hour. The Von der Tann is her next  
fastest water fighter of the dread-  
naught class. Great Britain also has  
three birds that skim along at 28  
knots—the Invincible, the Indomitable  
and the Indefatigable. But the great-  
est of all the floating armament is  
the Lion, recently launched. This  
monster is estimated to have a  
speed capacity of 31 to 32 knots per  
hour.

The cost of the Lion's machinery is  
to be \$2,500,000. The new ship is 680  
feet long. Her engines will have 70,  
000 horsepower. When one stands at  
the mighty cataract of the Catawba  
and is told that all of that great vol-  
ume of water creates but 50,000 horse-  
power, what is it all when compared  
with 70,000 horse power in the loins  
of this great racing fighter, of the  
deep? And when we think that Eng-  
land and Germany are building these  
dreadnaughts while America is  
squandering millions on pensions to  
graffers, how fearsome is the pros-  
pect for the future!—Anderson Daily  
Mail.

The Laurens Advertiser, which has a  
knack of saying the right thing in the  
right way, effectually disposes of the  
argument that "the other fellow won't  
reduce his cotton acreage." Don't lis-  
ten to such talk, says the Advertiser.  
"Let the other fellows increase their  
acreage if they would be treacherous  
to themselves and their neighbors,  
but if by their treachery they cause  
the price to fall they suffer most. If in  
spite of their treachery, cotton goes  
higher, you make a profit that you  
could not have made had you not, with  
the others true to the cause, curtailed.  
And then, if you do not make the profit  
on cotton that the other fellow does,  
you make it on other products. If  
the farmers would come to realize this,  
no organization would be necessary."  
Mr. J. B. Anderson, the man who is  
behind the Rock Hill plan for putting  
the matter before the farmers indi-  
vidually regards the Advertiser's rea-  
soning as a "clincher."—News and  
Courier.

## Enoree Bank Prospers.

The Bank of Enoree has mailed to  
its customers and friends a statement  
of its growth within the past two  
years. With a capital stock of \$10,-  
000 and deposits of around \$57,000 on  
February 2nd, 1911, it had grown to  
be an institution of \$25,000 capital and  
nearly \$65,000 deposits on February  
9th, 1912. Mr. J. Y. Bryson is presi-  
dent and Mr. Geo. H. Blakeley is cas-  
hiever. Mr. Bryson is president of a  
string of banks in this section.

## Cotton Going Upwards.

The Laurens cotton market has been  
a busy market for the past few weeks.  
With cotton bringing 10 cents and  
over, the farmers have been turning  
it loose rather freely. Yesterday the  
staple was bringing 10 1/2 cents on the  
local market.

## Returns After Visit.

Miss Lovey Spicer of Philadelphia,  
who has been spending a delightful  
winter with her sister, Mrs. William  
Solomon here in Laurens, has left for  
Norfolk, Va., where she will visit her  
sister, Mrs. William H. Coloway. Miss  
Spicer's many friends here regret her  
leaving but hope she will not forget  
her southern acquaintances and re-  
turn again in the near future.

## VELASQUEZ A CHEAP ARTIST

As Court Painter He Received \$11 a  
Month When He Was About  
Twenty-five Years Old.

Don Caspar de Guzman, Conde-  
Duque d'Olivarez, born in Rome in  
1587, became the first minister of  
Philip IV. In 1621, was dismissed in  
1643 after a career of mismanagement  
and died in exile two years later. A  
patron of the painter's, it was through  
him that Velasquez at twenty-four be-  
came court painter to the young king  
at eighteen. In return Velasquez paint-  
ed a number of portraits for his protec-  
tor. The notable example, which has  
recently been presented to the His-  
panic museum of New York, was  
painted when Velasquez was about  
twenty-five years old, shortly after he  
came to court.

The canvas, measuring 51 by 85  
inches, came from Capt. Robert S.  
Holford of London, in whose posses-  
sion it had long been held after hav-  
ing passed through the Baillie sale in  
1858, when it sold for £598 10s., and  
the Scarisbrick sale in 1861, when it  
sold for £262 10s., very moderate  
sums compared to the surprising fig-  
ure said to have been paid for it re-  
cently. At the time it was painted  
Velasquez was receiving \$11 a month  
for his services as court painter.—W.  
Stanton Howard, in Harper's Maga-  
zine.

## Untainted.

Tempted by an offer of considerably  
more than the property had cost him,  
Mr. Kreezus, who counted his wealth  
in millions, had parted with his sub-  
urban villa.

"You didn't need the money," said  
his disgusted business partner, who  
had just heard of the transaction, "yet  
for a little filthy lucre you sold that  
beautiful home!"

"I didn't!" exclaimed the equally in-  
dignant Mr. Kreezus. "I sold it for  
clean cash!"—Youth's Companion.

## How Oyster Islands Are Formed.

Oyster islands, similar to those  
formed of coral, are found in several  
parts of the world. The islands in  
Newport river and Beaufort Harbor,  
North Carolina, says a writer in the  
Century Path Magazine, have been  
discovered to have as base a reef to  
which the spawn were attached and  
above this layer upon layer of oysters,  
vegetable growth, and debris brought  
by the action of the waves and winds,  
all of which finally grows high enough  
to rise above the surface of the water.  
This growth is exactly analogous to  
that of the coral islands of the Pa-  
cific.

The islands near the mouth of the  
River Tagus in Portugal are said to  
have been built up in this way also.  
Here, where there is such a quantity  
of oysters that 100 million a year  
would scarcely be missed if they were  
removed, the expanse of water just  
beyond the river's mouth is dotted  
with oyster islands. As in the case of  
the coral reefs, which on the seaward  
side may be covered with living, grow-  
ing coral, live oysters thrive in the  
same waters where the accumulation  
of dead generations has served to  
form the islands.

## The Passion Play.

The now world-famous "Passion  
Play" at Oberammergau is said to  
have had its origin, about 1833, in the  
deep contrition of mind born of a  
great pestilence. Certain survivors of  
the plague resolved that ever after-  
ward, at stated intervals, they would  
celebrate the "Passion of Christ" as  
a token of their reverential gratitude.  
Beginning on a small scale, the play  
gradually grew in importance until it  
is now known all over the world, hav-  
ing visitors from pretty nearly every  
civilized country on earth. While  
Oberammergau is still, and will prob-  
ably remain, the center of the institu-  
tion, Passion plays are beginning to  
be established in the surrounding re-  
gions, notably in Switzerland.

For sore throat there is positively  
no remedy that will relieve so  
quickly and cure permanently the  
most aggravated case, as Bloodine  
Rheumatic Liniment.  
Laurens Drug Co., Laurens, S. C.

## Fine Lot of Steers.

Mr. J. J. Dendy has just received a  
shipment of the finest lot of cattle  
seen around Laurens in a long time.  
The cattle, fine Red Poles from Ten-  
nessee, will be whacked up for the  
big meat market now being run by  
Mr. Dendy. Of the drove of about  
forty-eight, not a single one weighed  
less than a thousand pounds.

## Shocking Sounds

In the earth are sometimes heard be-  
fore a terrible earthquake, that warn  
of the coming peril. Nature's warnings  
are kind. That dull pain or ache in  
the back warns you the kidneys need  
attention if you would escape those  
dangerous maladies, dropsy, diabetes  
or Bright's disease. Take Electric  
Bitters at once and see backache fly  
and all your best feelings return.  
"My son received great benefit from  
their use for kidney and bladder trou-  
bles," writes Peter Bondy, South Rock-  
wood, Mich. "It is certainly a great  
kidney medicine." Try it. 50 cents  
at Laurens Drug Co. and Palmetto  
Drug Co.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

For Sale—Practically new, nickle  
plated shower bath with fixtures, in  
good condition. Apply at this office.  
29-2t

Wanted—You to know that if you  
have anything to sell this is the place  
to tell about it. Other folks besides  
you read it.

Duck Eggs for Sale—We have set-  
tings of Indian Runner duck eggs for  
sale, best stock, \$1.00 per setting.  
Apply to Mrs. M. A. Jones, Gray  
Court, S. C. 29-1t

For Sale—Good family mare, quali-  
ty guaranteed. Apply to J. A. Wor-  
ford, Madden, S. C. 29-1t-pd

Wanted—By a young couple a fur-  
nished house. Will board any parties  
desiring to remain in same. Address  
P. O. Box 234. 29-1t-pd

Lost—One mouse colored mare mule,  
4 years old, slightly wild, strayed off  
Friday night, February 2nd. Wister  
Garrett, Barksdale, S. C. 28-1t-pd

For Sale—Ideal residence lot on  
Church street near school, churches  
and public square. Bargain to quick  
buyer. C. D. Barksdale. 27-2t

For Sale—Barred Plymouth Rock  
cockerels and pullets. One cockerel  
and two pullets \$2.50. C. D. Barks-  
dale. 27-2t

For Sale—Two nice residences in  
the city of Laurens, well located in  
a popular neighborhood and fitted with  
modern conveniences. Large corner  
lots. Apply to Dr. W. H. Dial. 26-1t

For Sale—Two mules and one mare,  
cheap for cash. Apply at W. H. Hud-  
gens & Co., or to Dr. W. H. Dial 26-1t

For Rent—One small cottage on  
Simpson street. Also suite of office  
rooms in Dial building. Apply to Dr.  
W. H. Dial. 26-1t

For Rent—1 two horse farm and 1  
one horse farm, at Witte place. New  
buildings, rich land. Apply to E. P.  
Minter, Laurens, S. C. 26-1t

For Sale—A scholarship in a lead-  
ing business school not many miles  
from this place. Will sell at dis-  
count. For information apply at this  
office. 10-1t

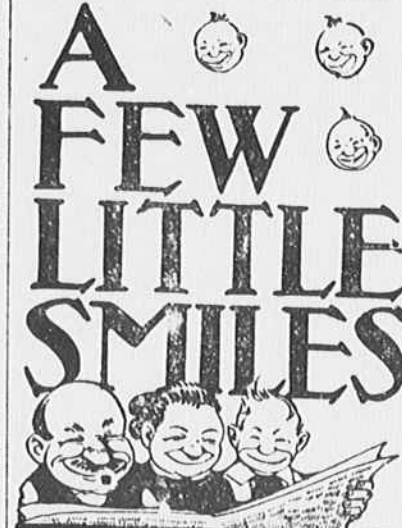
For Sale—Tract of land near Mount-  
ville containing 50 acres, on Little Riv-  
er, bordered by lands of M. A. Huff  
and A. J. Smith and lying alongside  
S. A. L. Ry. Reasonable price. Apply  
or write to J. M. Cureton, Jr., 1526  
Pendleton street, Greenville, S. C.  
28-5t-pd

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## Wedding Bells.

"Jedge," said the old colored citi-  
zen, "how much ter a license ter git  
married?"  
"Want it for yourself?"  
"Yes, sub; you see, I's gittin' mighty  
old now."  
"That's evident. Then why do you  
want to get married?"  
"Well, jedge, ter tell de truth, some-  
body gimme a long coat, a linen collar  
an' a walkin' cape, en I knows a  
ooman what says she kin make a liv-  
in' fer me, en I feels des like a honey-  
moon!"

## He Had His Suspicion.

One day a farmer member of the  
Ohio house displayed, inadvertently,  
a large roll of bills in the Neil house  
lobby. A fellow member gazed in awe  
at the show of wealth.

"I just sold a drove of hogs," ex-  
plained the farmer member rather hap-  
tily and confusedly.

The observing one was thoughtful  
He did not reply for the half-minute  
usually essential to the full-measured  
beat of his mental process. And then—  
"Yaas," he drawled, "and I'll bet  
I'm one o' them haws."—Success.

## The Masculine Way.

Men preach and practice by the card,  
But it's a lead-pipe cinch  
They do their preaching by the yard,  
And practice by the inch.

Getting Even.  
Our friend who in taking us for a  
ride in his aeroplane startles us by  
dropping a heavy wrench so that it  
narrowly misses a man in the road.  
"Why did you do that?" we ask, see-  
ing him chuckle over the man's fright.  
"That's a country justice of the  
peace," he says, scooting the machine  
up. "He used to fine me every Sun-  
day for fast driving in my auto."—  
Woman's World.

## STOMACH AILED HIM.



Deacon Jackson—De idea if de here  
after is kinder troublin' me.  
Parson Johnson—Dat shouldn't  
trouble you. Jes' think, you'll be livin'  
on milk and honey.  
Deacon Jackson—Dat's jes' what's  
de matter. Dat stuff always gives me  
de indigestion.

## Favorite Fiction.

"Pere Marquette Time Table."  
"One Rap Calls the House to Or-  
der."  
"Jack, I Never Dreamed That You  
Meant More Than Friendship!"  
"My Friends, I Don't Want You to  
Vote for Me Unless My Platform Suits  
You."  
"Well, I'll See You Again Soon, I  
Hope."  
"Doctor of Laws."  
"Smoke Inspector."  
"Debt of Honor."



## We Start with the Rough Log

We end with the finished product,  
and every operation is done by our own  
men in our own mills.

Sash, doors, blinds, screens, mouldings,  
columns, grilles, newel posts, shingles, lath,  
interior finish, etc.—everything in building  
material we furnish in both quantity and  
quality.

Complete house bills from architect's plans  
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